**National Malaria eradication programme**

1195. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the operation of the National Malaria Eradication Programme has been suspended;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the net result after the adoption of "Modified" plan of operation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) With the implementation of the Modified Plan of Operation in 1977, the incidence of malaria has come down from 6.47 million cases in 1976 to about 2 million cases in 1984. The situation is more or less static since then.

**Steps to control growth rate of population**

1196. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India the annual population growth rate is now 1.9 per cent and by the end of the century the country will cross the one billion mark and become the most populated country in the World, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 12th July, 1994;

(b) if so, what were the targets fixed under the National Birth Policy adopted by the Union Parliament in 1993 and how far the country has achieved the targets Indicating till date expenditure incurred by the Health Ministry since 1993, year-wise and budgetary provisions made for 1994-95.

(c) what steps Government have taken so far for motivating the people at all levels for practising small family norms and State-wise assistance given during 1993-94 and 1994-95 in this regard; and

(d) whether any action is proposed to be taken at the Central level to discourage growing popularity of sex determination tests, especially for female infanticide as reported in many parts of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The natural growth rate of population for 1992 in the country is 1.9 per cent as per SRS estimates. According to the 8th Plan document of the Planning Commission, the projected population of the country would be 1006.2 million by 1st March, 2001. A revised projection, based on the decelarated growth rate of 1.9 remains to be made. India would not be the most populous country in the world by that time.

(b) The National Health Policy (1983) envisages to achieve the birth rate of 21 (per 1000 Population) by 2000 A.D. As against this, the rate was 29.2 for 1992 as per SRS estimates. An amount of Rs. 1398.57 crores was released for the Family Welfare Programme during 1993-94 and a budget provision of Rs. 1430 crores has been made for the year 1994-95.

(c) Multi Media support is being extended to the States to motivate people at all levels for adopting small family norm. A statement giving budget allocations for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(d) A bill entitled "Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Bill 1991" has since been passed by the Lok Sabha on 26-7-1994. A notice has been given on 26-7-1994 to Rajya Sabha Secretariat for considering the Bill in Rajya Sabha.